

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 through 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended) A device for melting or refining a glass melt, comprising:

a channel having an inlet and an outlet for the glass melt, and an open top, said channel being arranged so that the glass melt has a flow direction that is essentially horizontal to allow for continuous operation of the device;

a plurality of metal pipes that can be connected to a cooling medium; and

an HF coil being assigned to said channel for input of HF energy into the glass melt.

8. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein said HF coil has a plurality of windings, and said plurality of metal pipes and said plurality of windings of said HF coil run, at least in an energy-input region of said HF coil, at an angle to one another.

9. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of metal pipes run, at least over a portion of a length of said channel, essentially in said flow direction.

10. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein said plurality of metal pipes are shunted relative to one another.

11. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of metal pipes are configured in a U shape and are arranged next to one another, so that said plurality of metal pipes form a cage-type skull channel which is open at the top.

12. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 11, wherein the U shape has ends that are joined together in a conductive manner for purposes of forming a shunt.

13 through 14. (Cancelled).

15. (Previously presented) A device for refining a melt, comprising:

a channel having a first side, a second side, and an open top, said channel for channeling the melt in a horizontal flow direction;

a first coil for inputting energy into the melt, said first coil having a plurality of windings being positioned about said channel so that each winding in said plurality of windings runs in said horizontal flow direction along said first and second sides but not across said open top; and

a second heating device being disposed at said open top.

16. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 15, wherein said second heating device is a burner heating unit.

17. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 15, wherein said second heating device is an electrical heating unit.

18. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 15, further comprising a heat distribution plate disposed between said second heating device and the melt.

19. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 15, further comprising a second coil positioned remote from said first coil to form a space therebetween.

20. (Previously presented) The device as in claim 19, wherein said second heating device is positioned in said space.

21 through 22. (Cancelled).

23. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 7, wherein said HF coil is assigned to said channel so that ~~an~~ said open top of said channel remains open.